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SUBJECT: REPORT ON MEDIA TRAFFIC

1. THE SIX DAILY NEWSPAPERS (THREE MORNINGS AND THREE AFTERNOON TABLOIDS) IN SANTO DOMINGO HAVE GIVEN RELATIVELY HEAVY INSIDE-PAGE COVERAGE TO THE CIECC CONFERENCE MEETING HERE IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS JANUARY 26 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1. RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE PROMINENT BUT GENERALLY SUPERFICIAL.

2. THUS FAR, SUBSTANTIVE MEDIA COMMENT HAS BEEN EXPECTABLY SPARSE -- AND RELATES MOSTLY TO DOMINICAN SCENE. COLUMNIST P.R. THOMASON OF LISTIN DIARIO, MODERATE AND PRESTIGIOUS MORNING PAPER, DEVOTED THREE EDITORIAL-PAGE COLUMNS TO ANALYSIS OF CIECC, UTILIZING AS TAKE-OFF POINTS OPENING-DAY SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND OAS SEC GEN GALO PLAZA (AND CITING TOO MUCH ANCIENT HISTORY INCLUDING FRENCH REVOLUTION). "FOR THE WELLBEING OF AMERICA, FOR THE GOOD OF THIS COUNTRY, FOR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE," HE COMMENTED ON THE SPEECHES, "IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO COMBINE THE FEELINGS OF ROMANTIC BALAGUER WITH THE IDEAS OF THE TECHNOLOGIST GALO PLAZA." TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIS OPPORTUNITY, THOMASON LASHED OUT AT THE INADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL POLICIES AND

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PEDAGOGY OF THE DOMREP, CRITICIZED THE OAS' BUREAUCRATIC OPERATIONS, OBJECTED TO OAS PARTICIPATION BY BRAZILIAN AND HAITIAN

REGIMES, AND APPEALED TO THE OAS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM --
REMOVED FROM GOVERNMENTAL INFLUENCES AND POLITICAL TRICKS --
TO EDUCATE THE EDUCATORS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

3. EDITORIALY, LEFTIST TABLOID LA NOTICIA (JAN. 27), WELCOMED
DELEGATES FROM OAS BROTHER NATIONS AND HOPED FOR "LANGUAGE CLOTHED
IN TRUTH" DURING THIS REVIEW OF HEMISPHERIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL PROBLEMS. THE EDIT POINTED OUT THAT THE DOMREP
SUFFERS FROM "UNIVERSITIES WITHOUT RESOURCES, SCHOOLS WITHOUT
LABORATORIES AND BUILDINGS WITHOUT MAINTENANCE." LEFTIST AND
NATIONALISTIC TABLOID EL NACIONAL (JAN. 27) EDITORIALIZED THAT
CIECC MIGHT BE A POSITIVE FORWARD STEP FOR LDCS IF IT WERE NOT
FOR THE OBSTACLES PRESENTED BY THE SUPERPOWERS' INTENSE AND
COMMERCIALIZED PROPAGANDA, "NOT TO MENTION (THEIR) STEALING OF
OUR PROFESSIONALS AND EXPERTS WHOSE TRAINING WAS FINANCED BY
THOSE WHO LIVE SOUTH OF THE RIO BRAVO."
HURWITCH

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